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### **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying "IDS List of References" (a substitute for Form PTO/SB/08) are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

### **REMARKS**

All of the presently submitted foreign patent documents, i.e., Cite Nos. F1 through F6 as listed on the IDS List of References, and three of the four presently submitted, non-patent documents, i.e., Cite Nos. O1, O2 and O4, are not in English. These references were cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

Among the references cited in the JPO communication, the second-listed, i.e., Pat. App. Pub. No. 11-030770, has already been submitted in App. No. 10/065,738, the patent application of which the present application is a continuation. Accordingly, as this reference is cumulative to information already made of record, it is not being submitted herewith.

**Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation**  
**Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)**

As a concise explanation of the relevance of the presently submitted Japanese-language references, an English translation of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. The JPO communication was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2002-082784, one of the two foreign patent applications on the basis of which priority is claimed in the present application. (A copy of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety follows the English translation.)

In addition, a partial English translation of Cite No. F5, which is a published utility model application, has been made available to Applicants' representative and is being submitted herewith. And English abstracts of Cite Nos. F1 through F4 and F6 are available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding abstract is attached to the back of each reference.

Furthermore, partial English translations of Cite Nos. O1, O2 and O4, which are non-patent documents, have been made available to Applicants' representative and are being submitted herewith.

**STATEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement.

**FEE AS STIPULATED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)**

A Notice of Allowance was issued in the present application on January 10, 2007. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), in addition to the § 1.97(e) statement above, the fee set forth in § 1.17(p) is being submitted an authorization, accompanying the EFS Web submission of this paper, to charge to a credit card the \$180 fee.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying IDS List of References and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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